

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A vacuum unit is used with a device used to structure the surface of a workpiece by such means as radiation, in particular laser radiation. The workpiece is, for example, a cylinder or a plate located on a cylinder during an engraving process. The unit has a hood covering an interaction zone between the radiation and the surface of the workpiece and has a vacuum channel, whose inlet lies opposite the surface of the workpiece in the operating position of the hood and which can be connected to a vacuum line. Abraded and decomposition products that form during the machining of cylindrical workpieces, such as aerosols, vapour, fumes or gases are prevented from being released into the environment. The unit is equipped with a c-shaped cover ring, which comprises two ends that follow the circumference of the workpiece and are located at a distance from one another and which has a substantially u-shaped cross-section with two opposing lateral walls, which are interconnected by a base wall. The hood is located between the two ends of the cover ring .